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Elizabeth Murdock
Fourth wife of Joseph Murdock
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Joseph Stacy Murdock
Pioneer - Colonizer - Peacemaker
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William Scott Storrs acquired a common school education and since boyhood has been identified with farming and stock raising. His long experience has made him known as a leader in the agricultural affairs around American Fork. Since 1923 he has been a director in the American Fork Irrigation Company. He has also been active in other farm organizations, having been a member in 1920 and vice president of the local Farm Bureau, and since 1923 has been a member of the local poultry association.

Mr. Storrs has given of this time and means to the work of the church, and has filled various positions in his ward and stake.

He married, October 3, 1895, Miss Julia Kirkman, daughter of Robert and Hannah (Allen) Kirkman. Her father was a farmer and stock raiser at Springville. Mr. and Mrs. Storrs have a family of seven children. The oldest, William Roy, born December 26, 1896, married Vera McFadden, of Provo. Rula, born July 7, 1899, is the wife of Clyde Darton, of Lehi. Jesse Bernard, born August 14, 1900, married Louise Bahr. Kenneth Elton, born July 14, 1903, served on a mission to the Hawaiian Islands from 1925 to 1928. He married Juanita Olson, of Provo, April 27, 1931. Helen, born September 2, 1910, married Elwin Stauffer, of Murray. The two younger children are: George, born October 28, 1913; and Ruth, born October 30, 1916.

ELIZABETH HUNTER MURDOCK is one of the pioneers of the Heber district of Wasatch County. She was born in Scotland, at Clackmannan, April 17, 1839, and was educated in her native country. In 1850, when she was eleven years of age, her mother and four children crossed the ocean to America, landing in New Orleans. From there they made their way up the river to Saint Louis, living in that city for two years. A year after their arrival in Saint Louis the mother passed away during the cholera epidemic, leaving four small children. The following year, in 1852, they started for Utah, in company with Mrs. Murdock's brother-in-law, David Love. They traveled by ox team from Saint Louis to Kaneshville, Iowa, where the company was made up for crossing the plains. They came to Utah with John Higby's company and went through all the hardships entailed upon those who crossed the plains years before any railroad was built and when there were hostile Indians frequently encountered. On arriving at Salt Lake, David Love bought a place which is still standing there.

In 1854 Elizabeth Hunter was married to Joseph Stacy Murdock. Mr. Murdock was one of the original band of pioneers of Utah, coming in 1847, with Ira Eldridge's company. Joseph S. Murdock was born in Massachusetts, June 26, 1822. His home was in Salt Lake City until 1856, when he was sent to the Carson Valley of Nevada to buy ranches for a colony of Latter Day Saints, under Orson Hyde, president of the mission. In 1858 Joseph S. Murdock returned to Salt Lake City and subsequently settled at American Fork, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1860 he was appointed the first bishop of Wasatch County and held that office for seven years. In 1867 he went to Dixie, Utah, to raise cotton to provide material for clothing for the Saints. He

spent three years there on a cotton plantation, but in 1870 returned to Heber, where he resumed ranching and stock raising. During the last years of his life he was president of the High Council of Wasatch County. Joseph S. Murdock died in 1899. He spent many years in work for the development of the district and was one of the outstanding churchmen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter Murdock became the mother of the following children: Jonathan Robert, deceased; Alva M., Parley, Alexander, James Stacy, Alphonso Brigham, Anna E. Coleman, Nelson, Clara, Joseph, Gideon, Caridon and Andrew.

Mr. Andrew Murdock, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter Murdock, was born at Heber City, November 14, 1881, and has been a busy and prosperous figure in the life of that community for many years. He was educated in the grammar and high schools at Heber City. From 1909 to 1925 he was intensely engaged in the sheep industry, selling out his interest in the latter year, at which time he bought a picture house at Heber City. He has rebuilt and remodeled this into a modern motion picture theater. He owns much other real estate, including ranching property, has a controlling interest in the Heber Drug Company and is a former president of the Heber Exchange Mercantile Company.

Mr. Murdock is a former director of the Lions Club. For two years he was a member of the City Council and for four years, 1924-28, was chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. He is a loyal churchman.

Mr. Murdock married, December 31, 1902, Miss Amanda J. Horner, daughter of William E. and Amanda Horner, early settlers around Heber. The four children of their marriage were: Ellis A., who married Fern Bell; Elda, deceased; Rhea and Ben.